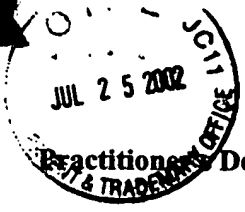


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Applicant has enclosed herewith a Preliminary Amendment to be filed in the above-identified application. Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present preliminary amendment is being filed to correct grammar errors in the original application. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by the claim amendments contained in this preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

1(Amended). An apparatus, comprising:

a coffeemaker;

a clock with a plurality of timers;

A1 a controller with a communication path to the clock; and

a network interface connected to the communication path in receipt of a plurality of timer settings that are set in the clock by the controller that controls the coffeemaker.